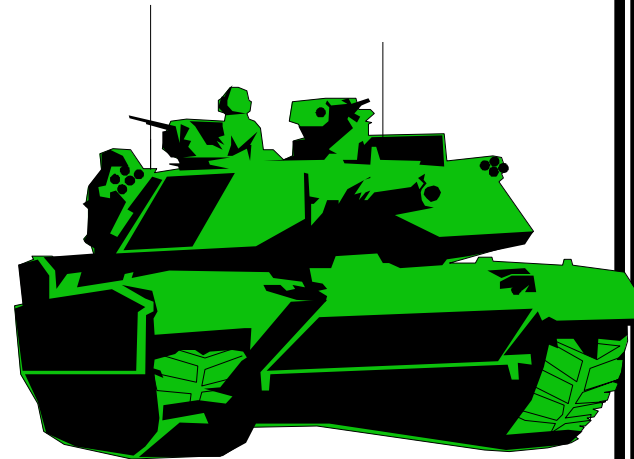
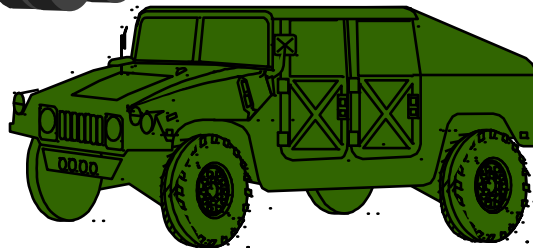
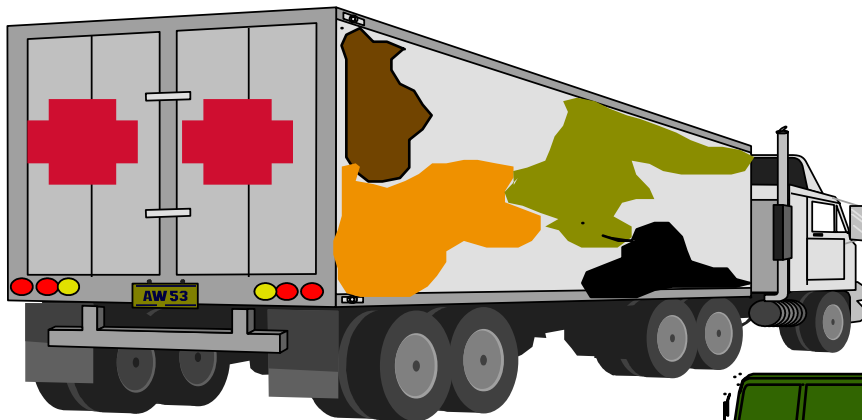


# Operate a Vehicle in A Convoy

## Part 1: Basic Convoy Organization



# **Training Objectives**

- 1. Define “convoy”.**
- 2. List the organizational elements of a convoy.**
- 3. List the functional elements of a convoy.**

# **Convoy Definition**

**A group of 6 or more vehicles  
organized for the purpose of control  
under a single commander**

**or**

**When 10 or more vehicles per hour  
are dispatched to the same  
destination and over the same route.**

# **Organizational Elements**

**March Column**

**Serial**

**March Unit**

**Time Gaps**

# Organizational Elements

Each march “element” has an “element commander”.

**March Column** - The convoy itself. Taking a bridge move as our example, the different battalions within the brigade may be designated as march columns.

**Serial** - The subdivision of a march column. A group of 2 to 5 serials make a march column. A company-sized unit would be designated as a serial.

# Organizational Elements

**March Unit** - A subdivision of a serial. Allows for additional command and control. The march unit is the smallest subgroup of a convoy and corresponds to a platoon sized element. Usually consists of 6 to 10 vehicles.

**Time Gaps** - Established between serials, 10-20 min, and between march units, 3-5 min, to retain unit integrity.

# Organizational Elements

**March Unit**



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**March Unit**



**Serial**

**Serial**



**March Column**

# **Functional Elements**

**Head**

**Main Body**

**Trail**



# Functional Elements

**Head** - The first or leading vehicle of each column, serial, or march unit is the head and designated the commander. The head is responsible for the correct pace and route of the march element.

**Main Body** - The main body consists of all vehicles in the convoy except the head and the trail.

# Functional Elements

**Trail** - Established to move at the rear of each march element. Usually provides no more than recovery capability or minimal medical assistance.

At the end of the march column there is a large more equipped trail element responsible for the collection of stragglers, medical, road guide recovery & fuel.

# Functional Elements

**Trail**



**March Unit**



**March Unit**



**Head**



**March Column**

# **Summary**

- 1. Definition of a “convoy”.**
- 2. The organizational elements of a convoy.**
- 3. The functional elements of a convoy.**